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TO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BB

SUBJECT: BRIEFING TO GOB ON US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

REF: AMBASSADOR BRITTON'S LETTER TO HEAVNER DATED
JANUARY 22, 1976

1. DOD HAS FOUND NO REPEAT NO RECORD OF ANY BRIEFING
GIVEN TO GOB ON US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN BARBADOS.
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SINCE BARBADOS ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE
IN 1966, GOB OFFICIALS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT ASKED TO BE
BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER.

2. SHOULD YOU RECEIVE AN EXPLICIT REQUEST FOR A BRIEFING,
DOD WOULD BE WILLING TO INFORM APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS
ABOUT NATURE OF OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA;
HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, DOD WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN A WAIVER
OF NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY FOR A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION
TO BRIEF THE GOB. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE IT BEST
NOT REPEAT NOT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH THE GOB ON
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THIS ISSUE AND CONSEQUENTLY INTEND TO SEEK WAIVER ONLY IF

GOB RAISES SPECIFIC QUESTION OF BRIEFING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ANY NON-SPECIFIC GOB INQUIRIES WHICH
FALL SHORT OF REQUEST FOR FULL BRIEFING, YOU MAY SAY THAT

"THE MISSION OF THE FACILITY IS TO CONDUCT OCEANOGRAPHIC
AND UNDERSEA RESEARCH, AND TO PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF THAT
RESEARCH TO FLEET COMMANDERS TO ASSIST IN THEIR ASW
MISSIONS." INGERSOLL

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